GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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REGIONAL LEPROSY TRAINING AND RESEARCH INSTITUTES
Acharia Shri Basudeb

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the funds allocated to all three Regional Leprosy Training and Research Institutes in the country have been fully utilized during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof, year-wise;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether Government is contemplating to strengthen these institutes; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMDOSS)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Details are enclosed in Annexure-1.

(c) Some of the reasons for low utilization during the last three years are:-

Vacant post could not be filled, training programmes could not be undertaken, non procurement of office equipments, GMSD, Kolkata could not supply the medicines as per indent.

(d) Government of India has taken the decision to strengthen RLTRI, Raipur by assigning additional responsibilities to the Institute. However, RLTRI Aska and Gouripur being located at very remote area, could not be strengthened.

(e) RLTRI, Raipur has been identified as one of the referral center for Medical Rehabilitation and Re-Constructive Surgery. Institution has been designated as Regional Office of Health and Family Welfare for the State of Chhattisgarh and following additional functions like capacity building for integrated disease surveillance program, Epidemiology Training Courses as undertaken by the NICD Delhi, Lymphatic Filariasis, Microscopy ,DOT centers & Operational Research related to NTCP, Voluntary Counseling Centers (VCC) and diagnostic center for HIV/AIDS, Disaster management, Polio Re-Constructive Surgery etc has been assigned to it.